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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OMAHA/VALLEY NE
800 AM CST FRI APR 2 2004

...THIS CONCLUDES SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IN IOWA AND NEBRASKA...

MARCH 29TH THROUGH APRIL 2ND IS SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IN IOWA AND NEBRASKA. A DIFFERENT SEVERE WEATHER TOPIC WILL BE PRESENTED EACH DAY.

TODAY/S TOPIC IS SEVERE WEATHER AND FLASH FLOOD PRODUCTS...

THE FOLLOWING NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PRODUCTS PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTICE THAT CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE FOR SEVERE WEATHER OR FLOODING ANYWHERE FROM SEVERAL HOURS TO A DAY IN ADVANCE.

HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK...OUTLINES FORECAST THUNDERSTORM ACTIVITY INCLUDING SEVERE WEATHER AND/OR HEAVY RAIN POTENTIAL. THE HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK IS FOR ALL WEATHER HAZARDS SUCH AS EXTREME HEAT...WIND AND WINTER WEATHER HAZARDS.

PRODUCT HEADER...FLUS43 KOAX
ISSUANCE TIME...6:00 A.M. DAILY AND UPDATED AT 11 AM AND 5 PM.
UPDATES...AS NEEDED.
ALL HAZARDS RADIO...AIRED DAILY.

HYDROLOGIC OUTLOOK...OUTLINES THE POSSIBILITY OF FLOODING BEYOND 36 HOURS DUE TO POTENTIAL HEAVY RAIN OR SNOW MELT.

PRODUCT HEADER...FGUS73 KOAX
ISSUANCE TIME...BEYOND 36 HOURS.
UPDATES...EVERY 12 HOURS UNTIL THREAT DIMINISHES OR REPLACED BY WATCH.
ALL HAZARDS RADIO...MAY BE AIRED BUT NOT TONE ALERTED.

TORNADO WATCHES...CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE FOR SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS PRODUCING TORNADOES...AS WELL AS LARGE HAIL AND DAMAGING STRAIGHT LINE WINDS. THE WATCH PRODUCT IS ISSUED BY THE STORM PREDICTION CENTER. THE IOWA REDEFINING STATEMENT IS ISSUED BY THE DES MOINES OFFICE. THE NEBRASKA REDEFINING STATEMENT IS ISSUED BY THE VALLEY OFFICE.

PRODUCT HEADER...PUBLIC WATCH MESSAGE WWUS30 KWNS
WATCH REDEFINING STATEMENT FOR IOWA WWUS32 KDMS
WATCH REDEFINING STATEMENT FOR NEBRASKA WWUS32 KOMA

ISSUANCE TIME...ZERO TO SIX HOURS BEFORE THE POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS WEATHER.
UPDATES...INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES ARE CANCELLED WITH A SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT.
AN ENTIRE WATCH CANCELLED BY THE STORM PREDICTION CENTER.
ALL HAZARDS RADIO...INITIAL WATCH IS ISSUED WITH 1050 HZ TONE ALERT AND EAS ALERT.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH...CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE FOR SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS INCLUDING LARGE HAIL AND DAMAGING WINDS. TORNADIC STORMS CANNOT BE TOTALLY RULED OUT...BUT ARE NOT THE MOST LIKELY SOURCE OF SEVERE WEATHER. PRODUCT INFORMATION THE SAME AS TORNADO WATCH.

FLOOD WATCH...CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE FOR FLOODING DUE TO HEAVY
RAINS...SATURATED GROUND OR BOTH.
PRODUCT HEADER...RWUS31 KOMA
ISSUANCE TIME...IF FLOOD CONDITIONS ARE POSSIBLE WITHIN 36 HOURS.
UPDATES...UPDATED WITH FLOOD STATEMENTS. REQUIRED AT 4:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M.,
4:00 P.M AND 11:00 P.M. OR AS NEEDED.
ALL HAZARDS RADIO...INITIAL WATCH MAY BE ISSUED WITH 1050 HZ TONE ALERT AND
EAS CODES.

TORNADO WARNING...NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PERSONNEL USING DOPPLER RADAR
DATA...SPOTTER REPORTS AND OTHER INFORMATION HAVE DETERMINED THAT A TORNADO
IS IMMINENT OR OCCURRING. SEVERE WINDS AND/OR LARGE HAIL IS ALSO EXPECTED.
PRODUCT HEADER...WFUS53 KOAX
ISSUANCE TIME...AS NEEDED. USUALLY VALID FROM 15 TO 60 MINUTES.
UPDATES...UPDATE AS NEEDED WITH SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT.
ALL HAZARDS RADIO...BROADCAST IMMEDIATELY WITH 1050 HZ TONE AND EAS CODES.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING...NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PERSONNEL
USING DOPPLER RADAR DATA...SPOTTER REPORTS AND OTHER INFORMATION
HAVE DETERMINED THAT DAMAGING WINDS AND/OR LARGE HAIL ARE IMMINENT
OR OCCURRING.
PRODUCT HEADER...WUUS53 KOAX
ISSUANCE TIME...AS NEEDED. USUALLY VALID FROM 15 TO 60 MINUTES.
UPDATES...UPDATE AS NEEDED WITH SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT.
ALL HAZARDS RADIO...BROADCAST IMMEDIATELY WITH 1050 HZ TONE AND EAS CODES.

FLASH FLOOD WARNING...FLASH FLOODING HAS BEEN REPORTED OR IS
IMMINENT WITHIN 6 HOURS. FLASH FLOODING IS A RAPID FLOOD OF NORMALLY DRY
AREAS.
PRODUCT HEADER...WGUS53 KOAX
ISSUANCE TIME...AS NEEDED. UP TO SIX HOURS.
UPDATES...UPDATE AS NEEDED WITH FLASH FLOOD STATEMENTS.
ALL HAZARDS RADIO...BROADCAST IMMEDIATELY WITH 1050 HZ TONE AND EAS CODES.

FLOOD WARNING...ISSUED WHEN FLOODING IS EXPECTED MORE THAN 6 HOURS AFTER THE
CAUSATIVE EVENT. USUALLY ISSUED FOR A REACH ON A RIVER WHICH HAVE RIVER
FORECAST POINTS.
PRODUCT HEADER... WGUS43 KOAX
ISSUANCE TIME...AS NEEDED.

UPDATES...EVERY 6 HOURS WITH FLOOD STATEMENT OR IF CONDITIONS CHANGE.
ALL HAZARDOUS RADIO...BROADCAST. MAY BE TONE ALERTED.

SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT...PROVIDES FOLLOW UP INFORMATION REGARDING
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM OR TORNADO WARNINGS. CAN BE USED TO CANCEL A
WARNING.

PRODUCT HEADER...WWUS53 KOAX

ISSUANCE TIME...AS NEEDED.

ALL HAZARDS RADIO...BROADCAST IMMEDIATELY WITH NO ALERT TONE.

SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT...CANCELS ALL OR PORTIONS OF SEVERE
THUNDERSTORM OR TORNADO WATCHES.

PRODUCT HEADER...WWUS83 KOAX

ISSUANCE TIME...AS NEEDED.

ALL HAZARDS RADIO...MAY BE AIRED WITH NO TONE ALERT.

FLOOD STATEMENT...ISSUED FOR MINOR STREAM OR URBAN FLOODING. NOT A
SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO LIFE OR PROPERTY. ALSO ISSUED AS FOLLOWUP TO
RIVER FLOOD WARNINGS AND FLOOD WATCHES.

PRODUCT HEADER...WGUS83 KOAX

ISSUANCE TIME...AS NEEDED.

ALL HAZARDS RADIO...AIRED BUT NOT TONE ALERTED.

FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT...PROVIDES FOLLOW UP INFORMATION TO FLASH
FLOOD WARNINGS.

PRODUCT HEADER...WGUS73 KOAX

ISSUANCE TIME...AS NEEDED.

ALL HAZARDS RADIO...AIRED BUT NOT TONE ALERTED.

SHORT TERM FORECAST...ISSUED TO PROVIDE DETAILED FORECAST INFORMATION
FOR SIGNIFICANT WEATHER EVENTS BELOW SEVERE LIMITS.

VALID FOR SIX HOURS OR LESS.

PRODUCT HEADER...FPUS73 KOAX

ISSUANCE...AS NEEDED.

ALL HAZARDS RADIO...AIRED BUT NOT TONE ALERTED.

LOCAL STORM REPORT...PROVIDES TIME...LOCATION AND DETAILS OF
SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS. ISSUED DURING OR SHORTLY AFTER EVENT.

PRODUCT HEADER...NWUS53 KOAX

ISSUANCE...AS NEEDED.

ALL HAZARDS RADIO...NOT AIRED.

THIS CONCLUDES SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK 2004. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
COOPERATION.

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